

Updates to State Assessments and Graduation Requirements



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- Information presented to districts as of mid-August 2012
- State has stressed the AYP changes (with 11th grade PSSA elimination, AYP recalculations, etc... are “Proposed” as they have to be approved by the federal government), but have told districts to move ahead with planning accordingly

Presentation Outline



- Slides 3 - 5 → Revisions to Chapter 4 Regarding Graduation Requirements and State Assessments
- Slides 6 - 9 → Revisions to Adequate Yearly Progress
- Slides 10 - 11 → PA Transition to Common Core

Chapter 4 Updates



- Standards: Full implementation of the PA Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics by July 1, 2013
- Test Security: Removes the right of parents/guardians to review state assessments except for religious beliefs
- Culminating Project: Removes the state-prescribed requirements for completion of a culminating project after the 2014-2015 SY (first class without culminating project is the graduating class of 2017-current 8th grade)

- Full implementation with curriculum (we are in good shape; especially in english/language arts). Math we have looked at larger areas of discrepancy between our current curriculum and new PA Common Core and are addressing those areas until the state finalizes the PA Common Core state standards; currently in draft form.

Chapter 4 Updates



- Makes proficiency on five Keystones a graduation requirement and establishes the following schedule

| | Class of 2017 (8 th Graders) | Class of 2019 (6 th Graders) | Class of 2020 (5 th Graders) |
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| Graduation Requirement | Algebra 1, Biology, & Literature | Algebra 1, Biology, Literature, & Composition | Algebra 1, Biology, Literature, Composition, & Civics/Government |

Note: Comp Keystone Operational 14/15 SY & Civ/Gov Keystone in 15/16 SY

- Again, proposed (the three: Algebra I, biology and literature are definites); funding availability will impact future development

Alternative Assessment & Remediation



- Requires school districts to provide **supplementary** instruction to students who do not demonstrate proficiency on required Keystone Exams as follows: (1st Exam→Not Prof→Remed→2nd Exam→Not Prof→Remed→Project-Based Assessment-PBA)
- Allows a student to graduate upon successful completion of a PBA-aligned to the exam/module
- District choice regarding extent/form of supplementary instruction/remediation

- Supplemental/remediation
- Two modules for each assessment; only need remediation and reassessment on modules not deemed at least proficient
- Tracking/banking of student assessment data will occur through state PIMS system (PA student secure ID)



Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

AYP Updates/Implications



- Grade 11 PSSA and PSSA-M (grades 3-8, 11) are **gone**
- **P**ASA in Math, Reading, & Science continues
- Therefore students with special needs must take either PASA or Keystone. (*Note: IEP team decides if Keystone is appropriate graduation requirement*)
- The (AYP) component of No Child Left Behind will be measured through Algebra 1, Literature and Biology Keystone Exam performance
- All 11th grade students must take the Algebra 1, Literature, **and** Biology Keystone Exams this year

- Must keep in mind two separate functions of Keystones: AYP determination for NCLB (federal) and graduation requirement (state). Special education students can graduate on their IEP goals, BUT still need to take Keystones for AYP purposes (or will affect our participation rates...another determining factor in AYP calculations)

| 2012-2013 Keystone Test Windows | |
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| Test Window 2012-2013 | Students taking Keystone Biology, Algebra 1, & Literature exams |
| Dec 3-14, 2012 | All 8 th , 9 th , 10 th , & 11 th grade students who have already taken the corresponding keystone-related course |
| Jan 9-23, 2013 | Not used |
| May 13-24, 2013 | All 7 th , 8 th , 9 th , 10 th , & 11 th grade students who are currently taking a keystone-related course |
| Jul 29–Aug 2, 2013 | TBD |
| Notes: Non-grade 11 test takers will have their scores banked for their grade 11 year; if not proficient, can retake the exam; their highest score will be used in the AYP calculation their junior year | |
| Students who took and passed a keystone exam in Spring 2011, will have that score banked, thus do not need to retake that keystone exam | |

- 8-10 graders who have already had a course with a Keystone Exam prior to this academic year (i.e. algebra I and/or biology) will also take the Keystone exam(s) in the winter wave
- Scores for these students will be banked until they are 11th graders and will count for high school AYP at the time they are 11th graders

AYP Updates/Implications

- The AYP targets for the 2012-2013 school year are 89% for Math and 91% for English.
- PDE has requested that USDOE adjust these for High School AYP due to switch to Keystone Exams
- We do not know how the alternate methods for making AYP will be calculated now that the Keystone Exam is the State Assessment
- Technology trainings begin August 15 and will continue during the months of August, September, and October...in order to be ready to administer exams this December

- AYP targets-state has requested revised targets for 11th grade due to new assessment (will also request revised targets as new PA Common Core aligned PSSA's are implemented), but have not been granted approval yet, so we don't know what the targets for AYP will be for this year

PSSA Transition to Common Core (Grades 3-8)

- 2012-2013
 - No changes to Mathematics and Reading PSSA-grades 3-8
 - Embedded field test items for PA Common Core grades 3-5
 - Writing Field Test grades 3-5
 - Writing PSSA grades 5 and 8
 - National Assessment of Educational Progress-Grade 4
 - Science PSSA-no changes

No changes to science PSSA grades 4 and 8
NAEP-not entire grade level

PSSA Transition to Common Core (Grades 3-8)



- **2013-2014**
 - Grades 3-5-Aligned to new PA Common Core standards for English/Language Arts and Mathematics
 - ✦ ELA PSSA incorporates reading and writing
 - Elimination of 5th grade writing PSSA
 - No changes to Math and Reading PSSA-grades 6-8
 - Embedded field test items for PA Common Core grades 6-8
 - Writing Field Test grades 6-8
 - Writing PSSA-grade 8
- **2014-2015**
 - Grades 3-8 aligned to PA Common Core standards for English/Language Arts and Mathematics
 - Elimination of 8th grade writing PSSA

Questions?



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